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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 2 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. The references 3-6 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 2-4 and 6 are attached hereto.

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- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese reference has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 2.

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	3	JP A 63-306470 w/ abstr	12/14/1988	JAPAN		
	4	JP A 01-115634 w/ abstr	5/8/1989	JAPAN		
	5	JP A 55-159976	12/12/1980	JAPAN		
	6	JP A 02-169784 w/ abstr	6/29/1990	JAPAN		

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